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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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In re Application of: Martin G. Hartung and Michael Keller  
Application No. : 10/828,656 Confirmation No.: 4923  
Filed: April 21, 2004 Group Art Unit: 2838  
Title: PREVENTION OF ELECTRO-CHEMICAL CORROSION AT CHARGING CONTACTS  
OF A BATTERY-POWERED HANDPIECE AND ITS CHARGER DEVICE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless Applicant instructs otherwise. If Applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, Applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ii.  Other:

b.  Enclosed:

- i.  Amendment and Response (5 pgs.)
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv.  Other:

2.  A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.

3. **Fees:** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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